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Tim Jelenek, Clare County Probation/Parole Officer, was one of five finalists selected to win Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Exemplary Volunteer Service Award. While Jelenek did not receive the top prize, his nomination and selection from 260 applicants was an honor and a tribute to his hours of volunteer service.

The Governor's Service Awards is an annual statewide recognition program acknowledging the contributions made by Michigan's volunteers. There are eight award categories with five finalists selected in each category.

The finalists were selected from individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations from across the state nominated for their commitment to volunteer service. Friends, relatives, and colleagues submitted nominations to pay tribute to individuals and organizations they feel exemplify the spirit of volunteer service.

Jelenek's nomination stems from his work with the Wheels for Wishes Foundation (WFW) charity and their annual motorcycle ride which raises funds for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

The ride consists of a group of motorcycle buffs, mainly corrections and law enforcement personnel, their families and friends, who solicit pledges to ride in the annual event. Since the initial ride five years ago more than \$20,000 has been collected and distributed by the WFW Foundation.

One hundred percent of the collected funds are donated to the foundation. All administrative costs are paid for by the participants.

While Jelenek initially put the motorcycle group together he credits his wife for the award nomination.

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"She bought me the motorcycle," said Jelenek. "And then helped plan and worked at the events. I feel it is a shared nomination."

The award winners were announced by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern, at the Governor's Service Awards / Carter Partnership Award Dinner on June 18, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter was in attendance and was honored as well. At a private reception prior to the dinner, the Governor and First Gentleman presented special tributes to all 40 award finalists.

An objective peer review panel and the Board of Commissioners from the Michigan Community Service Commission, the organization that manages the event, selected the finalists and winners.

The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) is a state agency that builds a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. This year MCSC is granting more than \$6.9 million in federal funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities. The MCSC supports and manages programs such as Mentor Michigan, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, Michigan Volunteer Investment Grants, Michigan Citizen Corps, and Governor's Service Awards. **3.9.1**.

Fifth Annual Wheels for Wishes Charity Rides get rolling in Ionia and Kincheloe this year

The Fifth Annual Wheels for Wishes Charity Ride will be held this year on Saturday, July 16. Motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to join corrections and law enforcement personnel in the event. The annual motorcycle ride raises funds for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Ionia Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, 1727 Bluewater Hwy, Ionia (three miles west of the M-21 & M-66 intersection) for the start of the ride. Departure time is 10:00 a.m.

Destination is the Doherty Hotel, 604 North McEwan Street, Clare with a planned stop at the Petticoat Junction Truck Stop in St. Louis at 11:00 a.m.

The Upper Peninsula ride is Saturday, August 13 starting at the Chippewa Correctional Facility, 4269 W. M-80 in Kincheloe with registration at 10:00 a.m. and departure at 10:30 a.m. The ride ends at the Taquamenon Falls in Paradise with a planned stop at the McDonald's restaurant in Newberry to pick up additional riders.



Bellamy Creek Correctional (IBC) Facility held their first all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast to raise money for Wheels for Wishes. Front row from left: Lt. Roger Reed, C/O Dan Kelsey, Sgt. Kathy Clarke, Tyler Rinckey, C/O Steve Rich. Back row: Lt. Jerry Hill, C/O Jerry Rinckey and Sgt. Don Wise.

A donation of \$25 per bike is requested. You may pre-register by sending your name and address to Wheels for Wishes, 708 N. Rainbow Drive, Clare, MI 48617. For more information about the ride, contact Jerry Hill at HILLJ@michigan.gov or Tim Jelenek at JELENETF@michigan.gov. 3.4.2.

Golf tournament to benefit Valarie Russell Memorial Fund



The Cooper Street Correctional Facility Employee club is hosting their third annual golf tournament to help raise money for the Valarie Russell Memorial Fund. The outing will take place on August 18 at the Lakeland Hills Golf Course in Michigan Center.

The shotgun start is at 8:45 a.m. Cost is \$200 for a four-person team and includes cart, food, water/soda and a donation of \$24 to the Valarie Russell Memorial Fund. The longest drive for both men and women, closest to the pin and other contests and prizes are planned.

To sign up your team, please contact Tracy Crawford at (517) 780-5144 or Kevin Lindsey at (517) 780-6835. Registration is due by Monday, August 2.

Valarie Russell was an employee at the Cooper Street Correctional Facility and a victim of domestic violence. Her death left their thirteen-year-old daughter to be raised by her grandparents who are elderly and on a fixed income. All proceeds from the event benefit the family. 3.9.1.

Ric Goward Memorial Golf Scramble is August 12

The Third Annual Ric Goward Memorial Golf Scramble is Friday, August 12. The four-person scramble has a 10 a.m. Shotgun Start at the North Star Golf Course. Cost is \$50 per person/\$200 per team and the entry fee includes dinner. The first 36 teams to register will play. All proceeds will go to the family of former employee Ric Goward.

Contests include: closest to pin, longest drive/putt, 50/50 drawing, raffles and more. For information contact Gary Miniard, (989) 681-6444, ext: 7452; Steve Rivard, ext: 7101; Ray Sholtz, (989) 681-9060; Vicki McCabe, ext: 7308 or Laura McCormick ext: 7462. **3.9.1**.

Thumb employees pay tribute with memorial

Thumb Correctional Facility (TCF) Administration & Employee Club is dedicating their Memorial Rock on Wednesday, July 27 at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Administration Building. This memorial pays tribute to those employees who have died while working at TCF or were employed at TCF at the time of their death.

If you would like to attend, please contact the facility at (810) 667-2045: Kathy Schlaud, ext. 246; Mary Henderson, ext. 271; Krista Bishop, ext. 201 or Peggy Haywood, ext. 240. **F.Y.J.**

MSI open house July 12-14

Michigan State Industries is holding an open house on July 13-14. RSVP on or before July 8 by calling the open house hotline number at (517) 241-5400 or e-mail



msisales@michigan.gov. 7.4.1.

ACT now to stop a suicide

Did you know that 70% of people who commit suicide tell someone about their plans or give warning signs?

Have you heard someone you care about say:

- My family would be better off without me.
- * There's nothing I can do to make it better.
- You'll be sorry when I'm gone.
- Life isn't worth living.

A *Acknowledge:* take it seriously and be willing to listen.

C *Care:* take the initiative and voice your concern.

T *Treatment:* get professional help immediately.

We can help.

For confidential help, call: State of Michigan Employee Service Program 800.521.1377 517.373.7630 313.456.4020



National HopeLine Network Available 24 hours-7days a week

800.SUICIDE or 800.784.2433 For TTY call: 800.448.1833

For more information about the Employee Service Program visit: www.michigan.gov/esp



Oaks Employees cook out to benefit Special Olympics

Oaks Correctional Facility's Employee Club hosted a cook out to benefit the Special Olympics Torch Run. A cook out, raffle and chipping contest raised \$1914 for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. 3.8.1.

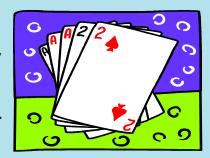
At left: storekeeper Jeff Reamer, RUO Mike Haske, mechanic Mike Boerema and C/O Ray Lenz are enjoying the picnic.

Register now for MDOC Recreation Day—July 29

The 2005 MDOC Recreation Day for employees, spouses, retirees and friends is July 29 at the Royal Scot Golf Club in Lansing. Join your friends and co-workers for a day of fun. Sign up for golf, poker, billiards, darts, card games or bowling. The banquet begins at 2:30 p.m. this year. Preregistration deadline is July 19.

For further information and registration forms contact your facility representative. There are packages for golfers and nongolfers. Use of annual leave is required for participation. Events take place rain or shine, no refunds. This activity is for adults only, absolutely no children.

If you're interested in volunteering for employee recreation day, please contact Destinie Shipman at (517) 373-3273.



Packages

Package #1 Golfers

The cost for 18 holes of golf, cart, banquet and any other activity offered except the Charity Poker Challenge is \$55 if registered by July 19 and \$60 after that date.

There is an additional \$20 for playing in the Charity Poker Challenge.



Package #2 Nongolfers

Pocket Billiards & Banquet or Banquet and Awards only is \$15 if registered by July 19 and \$20 after July 19.

There is an additional \$20 fee required to play in the Charity Poker Challenge.



Package #3 Charity Poker Challenge

The Charity Poker Challenge & Banquet is \$35 (No Limit Texas Hold-em) if registered by July 19 and \$40 after that date.

A \$20 fee for playing poker is included in the \$35.



Michigan events offer summer fun

The Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) is offering some fun, family activities this summer. The line up includes books, tours and historical events. Take advantage of this opportunity to have some fun while you learn a little bit of Michigan history this summer.

New Guide to Michigan Historic Sites Hits Bookshelves

Traveling Through Time: A Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers is a new guidebook listing the official state historical markers in Michigan. This illustrated guide to nearly 1,500 Michigan historic sites will help travelers discover the many historical sites in Michigan's neighborhoods, along its highways, and in city centers. The book is available at the Michigan Historical Museum Store and other booksellers, on the Web, or by calling (517) 373-1663. Proceeds support the programs of the State Historic Preservation Office.

Through Aug. 24 - Governor's Residence Tours (Mackinac Island)

Mackinac State Historic Parks offers free tours of the Michigan Governor's Summer Residence on Mackinac Island on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Take a rare look inside the 1902 cottage overlooking Mackinac Island's harbor, which has functioned as a summer home for nine Michigan governors and their families dating to 1943. Read more about this historic cottage in "The Michigan Governor's Summer Residence" by former Mackinac State Historic Parks director Carl R. Nold.

Through Aug. 19 - Fort Wilkins, 1870: A Living History Experience (Copper Harbor)

Time-travel to summer 1870, as costumed interpreters portray the daily life of men and women stationed at Fort Wilkins in Copper Harbor. You'll meet Private Jonathan Holmes, post laundress Kate Holmes, Second Lieutenant Richard Mueller and his wife Juliette, and Quartermaster Sergeant Patrick O'Neill - characters based on actual members of the 1870 garrison. These portrayals, including the characters' attitudes, opinions and the smallest bit of gossip, are based on extensive historical research. This presentation, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, is free of charge. Fort Wilkins, part of the Michigan Historical Museum System, is located within Fort Wilkins State Park, just east of Copper Harbor in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. A Michigan State Parks motor-vehicle permit is required for park entry. For more information, call (906) 289-4215.

June 28-Aug. 6 - Michigan Iron Industry Museum's Tuesday Afternoon Lecture Series (Negaunee)

The Michigan Iron Industry Museum takes a closer look at Michigan iron and the Upper Peninsula during this summer's Tuesday afternoon lecture series. These free events all begin at 2 p.m. The Michigan Iron Industry Museum, part of the Michigan Historical Museum System, is located in Negaunee, eight miles west of Marquette. For more information, call (906) 475-7857. Topics include:

- ◆July 19 Danger from Below: Caving Grounds. Mining historian Leo LaFond, a retired miner, discusses mine cave-ins in the U.P.
- ◆July 26 So Cold a Sky...Uncovering Upper Michigan Weather History. Join WLUC TV-6 meteorologist Karl Bohnak for an authoritative discussion on weather events in U.P. history.
- ◆ August 2 The Making of Small U.P. Mining Towns A Documentary. Producer Sonya Chrisman of Northern Michigan University discusses her latest Upper Peninsula documentary.
- ◆ August 9 The Outlook for Ethnicity: FinnGrandFest 2005 as a Mirror to the Past and Future. Jon Saari, professor of history at Northern Michigan University, discusses Finns in the U.P.
- ◆ August 16 The American on the Endurance: William L. Blakewell's Adventure to the Antarctic. Author Elizabeth B. Rajala discusses her book about the early-20th-century expedition.

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July 16-17 - Shield of Steel: The Arsenal of Democracy (Negaunee)

During World War II, Michigan's three iron ranges, and the people who worked them, produced iron ore for the weapons, tanks and battleships that earned Michigan its reputation as the Arsenal of Democracy. Throughout the weekend (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday) visitors to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum will see a World War II encampment, costumed interpreters and military vehicles. On Saturday at 2:30 p.m., enjoy a dramatic performance by Michael Deren, "The Past in Person: CCC Enrollee, 1941." On Sunday, from noon until 4 p.m., move to the live jazz and swing of the Bluffs Orchestra. Don't fret if you don't know the steps - the Northern Michigan University Swing Dance Club will be on hand offering dance demonstrations. This event is free of charge. For more information, telephone (906) 475-7857. The Michigan Iron Industry Museum, part of the Michigan Historical Museum System, is located eight miles west of Marquette.

July 16-17 - Wood Shaving Days (Grayling)

The entire family will enjoy woodwork crafts, sawmill demonstrations, 19th-century music and more during this free event, taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum. For more information, call (989) 348-6178. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum - part of the Michigan Historical Museum System - is located eight miles northeast of Grayling, in Hartwick Pines State Park. A Michigan State Parks motor-vehicle permit is required for park entry.

July 16-17 - Civil War Re-enactment (Brooklyn)

More than 300 Civil War re-enactors will converge upon Sylvester Walker's popular 19th-century inn on the historic Chicago Road. Don't miss this opportunity to witness soldiers in blue and gray as they camp, drill and do battle on the grounds of Walker Tavern. Visitors will also enjoy a variety of hands-on activities in the camp and shopping along the Sutlers Row. This event takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Highlights include battle re-enactments at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday and a candlelight tour (additional fee) at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Walker Tavern - part of the Michigan Historical Museum System - is located 35 miles west of Ann Arbor, in Michigan's Irish Hills region.

July 23 - Learning More at the Library of Michigan - Free Genealogy Seminar

The Library of Michigan is pleased to offer this free genealogy seminar designed to introduce researchers to particular topics of interest and highlight specific genealogy resources available at the Library of Michigan. From 1 to 4:30 p.m. topics covered include: Beginning Your Genealogy Research, HeritageQuest, World War I Draft Registration Cards, Michigan Genealogy Research on the Internet, Michigan Vital Records, and AncestryPlus. Seating is limited, so registration is recommended. You may register by email at librarian@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-1300. If you have any questions, please contact the Library of Michigan's Special Collections Services at (517) 373-1300.

July 23 - Vintage Baseball Classic on Mackinac Island

Watch the Fort Mackinac Never Sweats square off against the Rochester Grangers in a game of old-fashioned baseball. The game starts at 7 p.m. at the old Scout Ballfield behind Fort Mackinac. The island nine and their downstate visitors meet for the third time in a game of bare-handed baseball, where stealing is ungentlemanly and sliding or spitting could earn a player a 25-cent fine! Tickets are available at the event; cost is \$15 for families, \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth age 6-17, and free for children 5 and under and Mackinac Associates (except Heritage members).

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July 23 and Aug. 14 - Vintage Baseball at Hartwick Pines Logging Museum (Grayling)

Baseball has changed a lot since the days of Abner Doubleday. See the difference in two contests that have the look and feel of the 19th-century game-from the old-style uniforms to the old-style rules.

- -Game 1 July 23 at 1 p.m. The Hartwick Pines Baseball Club takes on the Mighty River Hogs of Midland County.
- -Game 2 Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. The Hartwick Pines Baseball Club takes on the Ludington Mariners.

These free events both take place at the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, part of the Michigan Historical Museum System, which is located eight miles northeast of Grayling, in Hartwick Pines State Park. A Michigan State Parks motor-vehicle permit is required for park entry. For more information, call (989) 348-6178.

July 16-17 and 23-24 - Special Events at Colonial Michilimackinac in

Mackinaw City: Admission to these events is included with Colonial Michilimackinac tickets. This living history site features live interpretation of military life, fur-trade activities and daily life in the 1770s. Interactive demonstrations include rifle and cannon firing, cooking, canoe rides and more. For more information, visit www.mackinacparks.com.

◆July 16-17 - Crown Forces Encampment: Fifty to 100 costumed 18th-century re-enactors join the fort's British troops, creating a new level of colonial village life at the historic fort and trading village. Re-enactors portray 18th-century life at the crossroads of the Great Lakes, set up camp and participate in demonstrations.



◆July 16-17 - Eastern Woodlands Indians Art Show: Guests at Colonial

Michilimackinac will enjoy a dramatic visual interpretation of 18th-century America as Mackinac State Historic Parks hosts a frontier art show featuring works by Robert Griffing. Taking place in the Visitor's Center located under the south end of the Mackinac Bridge, the show will feature framed and matted prints, videos, stationery and note cards depicting 18th-century Native American and military heritage. Hardbound copies of the colorfully illustrated "The Art of Robert Griffing" will also be available.

◆July 23-24 - Campeau Company Encampment: Costumed 18th-century re-enactors join the fort's British troops. Meet dozens of soldiers and enjoy demonstrations, fashion shows and camp life from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ₹.₩.₹.

